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Providers Not Required to Revise Physician Orders Written Before Oct 1: New CMS FAQ

In response to questions from the provider community, CMS posted a new [FAQ](#) about physician orders written before the October 1 ICD-10 compliance date. [FAQ 12625](#) explains that CMS is not requiring the ordering provider to translate ICD-9 diagnosis codes to ICD-10 on orders written before October 1 for lab, radiology, or any other services.

In brief:

- Orders written before October 1 should have a ICD-9 codes.
- For orders written before October 1 for services that will continue to be delivered and billed after October 1, providers can opt to use the [General Equivalence Mappings \(GEMs\)](#) to translate the ICD-9 codes on the original order to ICD-10. Providers are not required to update codes to ICD-10 for orders written before October 1.
- Orders written on or after October 1 must use ICD-10.

For more guidance on claims processing and billing, please visit the [CMS ICD-10 FAQ webpage](#).

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